

ATSP4 Virtual Industry Day Q&A

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Questions and Answers from Industry Day:

#1

Q: Is third-party Intellectual Property security, in regards to embedded devices (such as FPGAs), in your mission?

A: Regarding components that require software elements, we don't consider an FPGA to be any different than any other microelectronics component. Any data rights associated with the offeror's proposed solution to the task is considered during the award selection or negotiated at task order award.

#2

Q: Would you consider a program to ensure the hardware/software integrity be in scope of the program?

A: Our intention is to have trust requirements for solutions developed on ATSP4 to be within scope of the contract and would be specified on the task CET.

#3

Q: How will the Small business requirements be defined? Will there be specific size standards required and qualifiers by which small business goals will be assessed? Is the NAICS set or is the Government willing to consider other NAICS codes?

A: Currently there is no strategy to define which requirements will be set- aside for small business and those which will not. Additionally, as discussed in the Acquisition Strategy Briefing, the acquisition approach has not been determined.

The ATSP4 size standard is based on the NAICS code that is most appropriate for the acquisition. DMEA is using NAICS code 541330, Engineering Services. It is our understanding that ATSP4 contractors would use the same for the assessment of small business goals.

#4

Q: For the purposes of leveraging the Reauthorization Act including SBIR, WOSB's, Manufacturing in America etc., would DMEA consider utilizing Small Business as a Prime Contractor and sub-contract back to your trusted Prime's Academia Excellent Centers (PPP) as a vehicle?

A: Assuming we understand the question correctly, if a small business is an ATSP4 prime contractor, there is no Federal prohibition for that same business to also be a subcontractor on another ATSP4 prime contractor's tasks. As a prime contractor, there is also no prohibition of who you can subcontract to, including DoD/DMEA trusted or academia suppliers, other than

those businesses who do not meet the federal requirements or DoD requirements for the task. For example, at a minimum, subcontractor must not be debarred, or be a foreign company without proper security requirements, etc. Also, the 50% rule applies to small businesses; small businesses must perform more than 50% of the work.

#5

Q: Would DMEA consider relaxing the requirement for local representation for a small business award?

A: We think this objective or goal may be misunderstood. *Effective* local presence is an objective of the program. We know from past experience that it is beneficial to communications, streamline business operations, and oversight. A contractor need not actually be local, so long as a contractor program manager with oversight and authority into the program is always available to communicate with. Typically, PMs for ATSP contractors brief the Program Management Reviews (PMRs) in person.

However, these can often be done by teleconference, so long as DMEA can effectively speak with someone who has authority, oversight, and is informed about the task.

#6

Q: Is DMEA using CPARS and will ATSP4 use CPARS as part of metrics for program performance?

A: We would like to, however a CPARS report is not always required for every ATSP task, but we would still like to capture this kind of information as a task performance metric for each task. Any ideas, suggestions, or comments you may have are welcome, as to how to capture such information on every task order.

Corrections to the Industry Day Briefing Slides:

#1

Slide 17 – The CPFF ceilings (located in the bottom row, right-most cell) would also be adjusted downward with a negative AFPA. Slides have been revised to show this correction.

If you have any other questions or desire to be added to the source list, please email us at: atsp4ss@dmea.osd.mil.